

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

In response to the Examiner's request to correct and resubmit previously requested changes to the specification because page and line numbers do not now correspond to the page and line numbers of the substitute specification earlier submitted, applicant has now presented above a new updated initial paragraph concerning related applications and is now resubmitting earlier submitted request for amendments to various paragraphs throughout the specification.

Accordingly, all formal issues are now believed to have been resolved in the applicant's favor.

The rejection of claims 21-25 and 27-40 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by Dunworth et al '474 is respectfully traversed.

As noted on the application transmittal letter dated August 3, 2001, applicant has previously on August 6, 1996 filed a certified copy of the UK priority document in parent application 08/647,769 filed May 15, 1996. As already recognized in the USPTO filing receipt for this case, applicant is thus entitled to priority benefits as of May 15, 1995 (because the already filed certified priority document fully supports all claims now at issue).

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Dunworth et al '474 is only effective as of its US filing date January 31, 1996. Accordingly, it does not constitute "prior art" and thus the outstanding ground of rejection is mooted and/or erroneous and should be withdrawn.

Under such circumstances, it is not believed necessary at this time to further comment on substantive issues as to, for example, technological content (or lack thereof) of this particular reference.

The rejection of claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being made "obvious" based on the same single Dunworth et al '474 reference is also respectfully traversed.

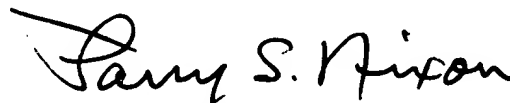
For reasons already noted, Dunworth '474 does not constitute "prior art". Accordingly, it is not believed necessary at this time to further discuss the substance of this document.

Accordingly, this entire application is now believed to be in allowable condition and a formal Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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